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 a "guard army" was an army that distinguished itself in World War II campaigns. All sub-
units of a "guard army", down to the squad, were called "guard units".
All personnel of a "guard army" who participated in World War II with
that army were referred to as "guardsmen"; for instance, Guard Colonel
IVANOV, Guard Lieutenant IVANOV, Guard Sergeant IVANOV, or Guard
Private IVANOV. The term "guard lieutenant" or "guard private" was
honorary only and in no way indicated more ability or bravery on the
part of the person concerned, nor did it warrant any preferential
treatment or special assignments.

2. Officers and EM who had not belonged to a unit during World War II
when the unit received the title "guard army" were not permitted to
preface their rank with the word "guard".

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